

Today's
Advertisements.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER on MONDAY next, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [662]

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 35 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th instant to the 3rd May, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [663]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on FRIDAY, the 30th April, 1897, at 4 P.M.
By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [660]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "PERU".

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Consignment, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo Impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [659]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship.

"ZAFIRO".

Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHKWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [659]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

FOR PACIFIC COAST, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE British Steamship

"HUPH".

will be despatched on or about THURSDAY, the 29th instant (instead of as previously advertised) for VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.), via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to JAPAN, PACIFIC COAST, CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES PORTS.

For Particulars as to Rates, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN,
General Agent.

Hongkong 23rd April, 1897. [659]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"HINTU".

Captain Jones, will be despatched on or about THURSDAY, the 29th instant, for KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HUTTENFELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [656]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the principal Cities in the UNITED STATES, CANADA AND EUROPE, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers.

THE Company's Steamship

"SAKURA MARU".

Captain W. Brady, will be despatched on or about SATURDAY, the 1st May, at NOON, for Seattle, Washington, and the United States.

Consular Invoices for the United States should be in QUADRUPLE, and one Copy must be mailed by the Steamer to the care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Wash.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong 23rd April, 1897. [665]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU".

Captain Jones, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 18th May, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.

The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine.

A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
HUTTENFELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
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Advertisements.

GRAND CONCERT.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ORGAN FUND.

Signor A. CATTANEO AND PUPILS will give a Concert in the LUSITANO CLUB

ON MONDAY, the 3rd May, 1897, at 9.15 P.M.

IN AID OF THE ABOVE FUND. Full Orchestra of Mandolins and Guitars. Songs, &c., &c., by Leading Amateurs.

Full particulars at a later date.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [661]

FOR SALE.

CUTTER "PIROUETTE," (LATE "CHARMIAN")

Apply to G. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [664]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship

"ARGVILL." Captain Ward, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [658]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

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SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

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Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
HONGKONG, 1st March, 1897. [3790]

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The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good order.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

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No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

HONGKONG, 13th April, 1897. [657]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1897.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

THE WAR IN EUROPE.

LONDON, April 22nd

The Turks have carried all the positions commanding the road to Larissa and are now bombarding Thessalonica, whilst the Greeks have retired.

The Turks are immensely superior in artillery and, notwithstanding the small Greek gains in Epirus, it is undoubted that the Turks are so far victorious.

The Greek police have been ordered to reinforce the army, and citizens take their place in the towns.

RUSSIA'S ADVICE.

Russia has sent a Circular to the Powers advising an expectant attitude until one of the combatants requests for intervention, and to maintain the blockade of Crete in the meantime, holding that island in trust.

ANTI-MISSIONARY RIOTS IN KWANGSI.

A MISSIONARY MASSACRED AND A CHAPEL PILLAGED. We regret to learn that information reached here by wire on Wednesday last from the Bishop Apostolic of Kwangsi who reports that a young missionary named Mazi had been killed by a mob in the province of Kwangsi, that the Roman Catholic chapel at Loh had been pillaged, and that the Synod is threatened. The telegram reads as follows:—

"Chapelle Loh pillée; Mazi massacré; Synod menacé."

We are courteously informed by the local Superintendent, of the Missions Etrangères, that he cannot say positively whether Father Mazi's death is the result of persecution directed against missionaries or is due to an attack on the mission premises by thieves. It is a significant fact, however, that in 1895 the Venerable Augustus Chapdelaine, R.C. missionary, was decapitated at Sylin.

Kwelin is the place where the Vicar Apostolic of Kwangsi resides, and is on the Sikiang, or West River, about half way between Wuchow and Nanning. Sylin is situated at the south-western extremity of the Sikiang in the north-west of Kwangsi, not far from the Tonkin frontier, and Loh is between Peik and Sylin.

Father Mazi was about 25 years of age and had been only about 7 months in China, arriving at Kwelin from Hongkong with Father Barilore on 25th October last. In March Father Mazi left for Sylin, where he was to join three or four missionaries. Assuming he traveled by boat he must have been about a month on voyage and it is clear from the date of the telegram giving the sad news of his death that the young missionary could have been at Sylin only a few days.

We shall await further news about this shocking affair with deep interest and in the meantime can only hope that the anxiety for the safety of the missionaries in the province will turn out to have been ill-founded and that the rioting is purely local and will soon be put down, though it must be admitted that the destruction of a chapel, the murder of a missionary, and the fact of Sylin being threatened indicate an alarming state of affairs for which the higher officials will, we trust, be held responsible. It is to be earnestly trusted that the French Government will not in respect of the massacre at Loh be satisfied with a repitition of the never-to-be-forgotten farce enacted at Kuching in 1895.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H. M. S. *Immortalité* is at Nagasaki.

THE *Peacock* has arrived at Chemulpo.

THE buying rate for aduvels is \$2.85 per £.

THERE are 600 Japanese soldiers in Korea at the present time.

IMPORTANT official correspondence is published in this issue bearing on the question of Light Dues.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Hongkong Club will be held on the 30th instant at 4 p.m.

H.M.S. *Grafton* arrived at Chinkiang on the 16th instant and left for Nanking early on the 18th.

A DISPATCH to the *Maintin* from Moji states that the *c* were fourteen cases of plague at Taiwan (Formosa) during last month.

COLONEL CONNELLY, U.S. Consul, was given a very hearty "send-off" on the occasion of his departure from Kobe for the United States on the 9th instant.

SIX thousand spectators watched George Dixon and Frank Egan fight at the Broadway Athletic Club, New York, on March 24th. Dixon won in the 25th round.

TELEGRAPHIC commue talloo with Macao is restored; also with Tonkin and Annam via Saigon. The charge per word to Tonkin is \$1.10; to Annam, 95 cents.

THE officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union have forwarded to President McKinley and to Governors of States' protests against kletoscop exhibitions of the Corbett-Fitz-Johnson fight.

WE understand that the Honorable F. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works, is to be entertained at a farewell dinner in the City Hall to-morrow evening by his colleagues in the Civil Service, prior to his departure for Ceylon.

ONX of the best ways to acquire a sound knowledge of "English as she is wrote and spoke" is to study a standard English dictionary, and of all such works *Whittier's* is universally acknowledged to be the best in every way.

PROF. Andre announces that his North Pole expedition leaves Gothenburg on May 15th for Spitzbergen. The voyage to Spitzbergen will be made in a gunboat, and it is expected that the balloon will be filled and ready to sail on June 20th.

FROM the progress which has attended the trade of Hangchow since it has been made into a Treaty port, it is, says the *N. C. Daily News* calculated by the officials of that city that the new foreign Customs will be able to collect an annual revenue of at least £15,000 within a couple of years' time.

ON March 16th the honorary degree of Doctor in Science was conferred on Dr. Nansen at Cambridge University and two days later, on the 18th, the degree of D.C.L. was presented to him by the sister University of Oxford. Great enthusiasm was exhibited at both places, but Dr. Nansen spoke at neither.

THERE has been a heavy mortality in the porcine family judging from the immense number of roast pigs that were being carried through the streets to-day. We understand that this plethora of pork is connected with the festival of the Chinese deity called "The Goddess of the Heavens." Many picturesque processions were also out in honour of the goddess, with musicians making sounds that were anything but celestial to Western ears. The Goddess of Heaven, whose "day" is to-morrow, is the Chinese sailors' patron saint and the harbour population will no doubt *chin-chin* her with crackers, &c., on a most liberal scale.

FOR a long time past the want of an Organ has been very much felt at St. Joseph's Church, where the Catholic members of the Army and Navy stationed here are accustomed to worship. To aid in supplying this want Signor A. Cattaneo and his pupils have arranged to give a grand classical concert in the Lusitano Club on the 3rd prox and an excellent programme has been arranged. A feature of the entertainment will be the performances of an orchestra of 14 ladies and gentlemen playing guitars and mandolins. A number of leading amateurs will also sing. We understand that a sum of \$1,000 will be required to obtain a suitable organ and a few successful concerts should soon result in the necessary amount being raised.

WUT KING, a money-changer, appeared on remand at the Magistracy to-day on the charge of having counterfeit coins in his possession. Inspector Stanton said that he went to defendant's stall at No. 139, Queen's Road Central, and asked him to show him some of his coins. He found that 17 of them, comprising 12 Mexican dollars, 1 Spanish dollar, 3 Japanese yen and 1 Indian rupee, were counterfeit. Mr. Wilkinson, who appeared for the defendant, said that he admitted that his client was aware the coins were counterfeit, but they were not meant to be used unlawfully. It was a general custom for money-changers to buy counterfeit coins so as to test their junior employees and after that to melt them for what they were worth. Mr. Woodhouse inflicted a fine of \$5 for each counterfeit coin found in possession of defendant.

THE master of the steam-launch *Luan Fat*, which sank No. 4 Police pinnace some time ago, was charged at the Magistracy this morning with overcrowding his launch and refusing to stop when ordered to do so by the Police. P.C. 416 stated that on the 21st instant at 3.40 p.m. he saw the launch steaming out of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s wharf at West Point overcrowded with passengers and she refused to stop when he and the steersman called out and blew the steam-whistle. P.C. 365 corroborated this evidence. Mr. Master, who appeared for the defence, said that the Ordinance stated that the Police may stop a craft and count the passengers, but there was no penalty fixed for not stopping. Inspector Hansen, who had charge of the case, asked for a remand that he might be able to consult the Captain Superintendent. Mr. Woodhouse adjourned the case till 2.15 p.m. on Monday, the 26th inst.

ADVERTISING to a paragraph in our issue of Wednesday last regarding sailors and the Mission launch we heard a good story to-day.

It seems that some six or seven years ago an American vessel shipped a crew of 14 men here and gave them advance notes. She was to have sailed on a Monday and on the previous Saturday the crew were set to work bending sail, &c. They soon tired her up as a "hard" ship, and felt sorry for their bargain. Next day, being their last on shore, they were permitted to go to church on the application of the Mission chaplain: Some asked all hands took to the hills, and escaped. The vessel was detained for a week, a new crew had to be engaged, and the expenses for the voyage were materially augmented. There was trouble regarding liability for costs and the story goes that ultimately Mr. Goldsmith paid the bill.

At the Magistracy to-day a very deliberate and disreputable piece of fraud, of the kind termed "slinging the changes," was brought to light. It appears that Mr. G. P. Lamont last evening engaged a chair to take him to his residence, "Stonehouse" Robinson Road. On completing the journey Mr. Lamont gave one of the coolies 20 cents, and after he had walked a few yards away the man ran after him saying "Blong copper no can," at the same time holding out a copper cent in his hand. By the lamp where he alighted Mr. Lamont noticed that the silver coin he gave had black ink marks on it and he also noticed that when the fellow spoke to him he kept one hand behind his back. The intended victim of Chinese cupidity caught hold of the coolie and forcing open the concealed hand found his 20-cent piece there. He gave the impostor into custody and Mr. Woodhouse this morning released him to a place where he will have no opportunity of "slinging the changes" for the next six weeks. It is to be hoped that this incident will be useful as a warning to the strangers within our gate, many of whom are too often victimized in the most audacious manner by both chair and ricksha coolies.

Messrs Bredon and Woodruff, Commissioners of Customs, Mr. Brancleick, ex-Secretary of the British Legation at Peking who has been appointed Consul-General at Buda-Pesth, were among the passengers leaving Shanghai last week by the *Empress of India*.

*We understand that it was intended to hold a meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee to-morrow, Saturday, but it was considered it would probably be more convenient for the members if held on Monday at 4 p.m., there being a better prospect of a full attendance of members on Monday than there would be to-morrow afternoon. *Vide advt.*

AN American Press despatch states that the Ecclesiastical Court at St. Paul's has granted the prayer of the petition presented by Ambassador Bayard on behalf of the President and citizens of the United States asking for the custody of a manuscript deposited in the library of Fulham Palace, containing records of the early history of the Pilgrim Fathers and their voyage to America in the *Mayflower*.

THE London Press generally comments severely on the Senate's amendments to the Arbitration Treaty. *The Times* says:—"The United States has done what optimists affected to believe impossible, and what the cooler observers thought extremely improbable. It has destroyed the arbitration treaty. It has struck a blow at the principle of arbitration itself, and at the confidence of the world in the American people. Its action strikes a note of levity, wantonness and irresponsible caprice such as is happily rarely struck by any legislative assembly."

THE ODD VOLUMES.

JOHN STUART BLACKIE.

At a meeting of the Odd Volumes Society this afternoon held in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, City Hall, Mr. W. C. Barlow, of Queen's College, delivered an interesting lecture on "John Stuart Blackie." Hon. J. Stewart Lush, President, presided and there was a large and able audience. The lecture opened with a graphic story of the early life and education of the famous Scottish philosopher, and drew attention to the antipathy to learning displayed by him in his youth. Then he pointed out how this antipathy was overcome by the spirit of emulation and his fit of religious depression, during his student period were also touched upon. Then his travels in Germany and other places on the Continent widened his mind and gave him more cheerful views. Mr. Barlow then described how Blackie became the most radical of Tories and was an eager claimant in the cause of University reform. His labours in founding a Celtic Chair in the University of Edinburgh were also pointed in review, the great professor by lectures throughout Scotland raising a sum of £20,000 in furtherance of this object. Referring also to the Greek travelling scholarship founded by Blackie and then Mr. Barlow gave an entertaining description of Blackie's personal appearance, and many very interesting anecdotes and reminiscences connected with this eminent Scotsman. A fine photograph of the professor was exhibited during the lecture. At the conclusion of his address, which was listened to with the utmost attention, Mr. Barlow was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

THE LIGHT DUES QUESTION.

We received this afternoon copies of the correspondence on the subject of Light Dues which has passed between the Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies. We give quotations from the Governor's despatch of the 18th January (will give it *in extenso* to-morrow) and publish the other and later despatches in full.

The Governor on the 18th January wrote:—"So far as light dues are concerned I agree with petitioners that the revenue derived from them should be applied to the purpose for which it is raised, viz, the upkeep and maintenance of the light-houses; and it is true that the charge of one cent a ton is sufficient to cover all present expenditure incurred on that account."

"As you are aware the sources of taxation in this Colony are limited and only two years ago the fees charged for various licences were raised considerably. It is true the tax charged on the rateable value of house property is not a heavy one and might be increased without imposing too great a burden on owners of property. But I do not regard the present time as favourable one for increasing taxation in this direction, as recent sanitary legislation has involved a considerable outlay on house property, though, should the necessity arise, an increase might be made."

"After a careful consideration of the arguments advanced by the petitioners and of the views held by others on the subject of the taxing of European shipping entering this port, I am of opinion that a charge of 2½ cents a ton imposed on such shipping as harbour dues is not an unfair one, and is not calculated to seriously affect the prosperity of this port, which even if this charge be imposed will still be one of the cheapest ports for shipping in the world. If it appeared to me that harbour dues, such as I recommend should be imposed, would have an injurious effect on the welfare of this Colony, I should not hesitate for a moment to advise that no such tax should be levied. I am fully alive to the importance to this Colony of shipping and to the necessity of care being taken to avoid imposing on it any burden which would deter vessels from visiting it. But in view of the figures given above, which show that the tonnage entering the port has steadily increased, though it has had to pay for seven years a tax of 2½ cents a ton, exactly the same amount which it is now proposed to impose permanently as harbour dues, and of the fact that Hongkong is such a cheap port for shipping, I am led to the conclusion that the fears expressed by the petitioners are groundless, and that harbour dues of 2½ cents a ton will not keep vessels away from the Colony to the injury of its trade and its prosperity."

I am advised that in order to give legal effect to the change which I propose of converting the present Light dues into harbour dues it will be necessary to pass an Ordinance. I have therefore to request, if you concur in the conclusion to which I have arrived, that you will authorize me to introduce into the Legislative Council an Ordinance for this purpose, and that you will convey to me your authority by telegram, as it is important that this question should be definitely settled with as little delay as possible."

SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR.

Downing Street, 17th March, 1897.

SIR,—With reference to your Despatch No. 15 of the 18th of January last and to my telegram of the 23rd instant, I have the honour to transmit to you copies of correspondence with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, as noted in the margin, on the subject of the Light Dues at Hongkong.

1. I consider that the shipping interests were given a reasonable expectation that the Light Dues should be reduced, when the cost of the Gap Rock Lighthouse was met. At the same time, I concur in your view that moderate dues may properly be levied in Hongkong, provided the total expenditure on the Harbour Department, including Lighthouses, Water Police, &c., is not exceeded.

2. I am, however, of opinion that for calculating the proceeds of the harbour dues, the charges on native shipping must be included, as well as those on ocean-going steamers, as suggested in the enclosed letter from the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

3. I am not therefore prepared to sanction your proposal to make a permanent charge of 2½ cents per ton on general shipping, although that charge must be continued to the end of the present year, in order to avoid a dislocation of the year's finances.

4. Next year the charge must be reduced to such a rate as will, with the harbour receipts, be sufficient to cover all harbour and lighthouse expenditure; and it will be necessary to find some other source of revenue to make up the deficiency, which may perhaps most conveniently be done by increasing the Assessed Taxes. I shall be glad to learn, at your early convenience, what changes in taxation you will recommend in order to carry out the above decision, so that the matter may be settled before the time arrives for passing next year's Estimates.

5. I desire to add, that at any time hereafter a gent necessarily should

ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE OF A PRISONER.

The chameleon who so recently succeeded in eluding Mr. G. P. Lamert, an account of which appears in another column, managed to effect his escape after having been sentenced this morning. It seems that he was taken to the waiting-room, which is the usual custom for those who are to be released. There, Mr. Lamert left him and returning in two minutes found that he had escaped. The runaway got off very cleverly, no one being able to give any information about him. There are usually two or three European and Sikh policemen on the verandah outside the waiting room door, and their absence today probably tempted the would-be impostor to "cut stick and run." On the matter being brought under the notice of Mr. Vachon, the gentleman gave the officer responsible for the prisoner's safe custody one week in which to recapture him.

SPORTING NOTES.

TRAINING FOR THE SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING.

That careful observer of all sporting "moves" in the Model Settlements "Daybreak" writes in *Sport and Gossip* of the 18th instant about the ponies in training as follows:—

As regards the old ponies I class them in the order named, Ariel, Vaguer, Invader, The Broker, Zolus, Menji, Mayberry, Kenneth, and then, to come to the second division, I may mention Sans Doute, Holotier, Compromise, Riollet, Merrimac, Protector, Black Chief, Zimith, Pineapple, Silverbell, Orwell (late Splash).

Griffin—Those that have most caught my fancy have been Clutha, Suspense, Archimedes, Rockhall, Pride, Velasquez, The Banker, Dawn, Sammie, Doguol-Water, Oudaly, Aquidaban. As to the subs, those promising best are Dividend, Orinoco, Maveplene, Claymore, Regret, Rathor, Planet, Dewberry, Goleku.

Ariel is galloping in grander style than ever and seems to understand the game better; from what I can hear the jockey who first piloted him to victory and who will shortly return from home is to be in the saddle again.

Clutha is claiming the most attention of the griffins and may be said to be the street corner tip. He certainly has given the idea of being able to beat all times that have been done so far over all distances.

Dividend shapes as far and away the best sub, for a short distance, closely followed by Orinoco, and Maveplene should render a good account in the longer races. A sub that I have had a great opinion of for some time is Alameda, and I am extremely sorry to hear that he is in hospital.

I had hoped on this occasion to go into further details as regards the ponies and jockeys, etc., but the rain yesterday morning upset all calculations and I must postpone further details until next week.

The following recent gallops on the mud track, which was rather heavy going and as the last gallop proved, shows that the ponies were "sent along" and run in good form. One can't help feeling sorry to see *Pineapple's* name again on the training lists. Is he never to get a good rest? Has he not earned a rest?

RECORD OF TIMES DONE.

Wednesday, 15th April.

On a muddy course and in rain the following times were done:—

Pineapple (boy) 414, 1.17½, 1.53, 2.28; last qr., 35.

Mayberry & Comet 35, 1.51, 1.42, 2.17; last qr., 35.

Suspense (Mr. Midwood) 35½, 1.72, 1.40; last qr., 33.

Vaguer (Mr. Read) 39, 1.51, 1.52, 2.30, 3.10, 3.46, 4.11, last qr., 35.

The Broker (Mr. Reany) 36, 1.18, 1.41, 2.17, last qr., 36.

Black and White (boy) 1 mile in 2.21½; last qr., 35.

White Rose (Mr. Jerom) 1 mile in 2.18½; last qr., 35.

Blackberry (Mr. C. R. Burkill) Roseberry (boy) 404, 1.16, 1.55, 2.30, 3.41, 3.38½; last qr., 34.

Aquidaban (Mr. Ring) 33½, 1.7, 1.42, 2.16½; last qr., 34.

Clutha (boy) 39, 1.11, 1.43, 2.16, last qr., 32.

Brassy (boy) Spartan (Mr. Midwood) 34½, 1.51, 1.44, 2.16½, 2.55; last qr., 36½.

Rockhall (boy) 414, 1.16, 1.54, 2.33, 3.10, 3.44; last qr., 34.

Ariel (Mr. C. R. Burkill) 38, 1.12, 1.46, 2.19; last qr., 33.

Rainier (Mr. Dallas) 1.17, 1.38½, 2.38, 3.15, 3.51½; last qr., 34.

White Rose (boy) 32½, 1.61, 1.41, 2.16, 2.50½, 3.24; last qr., 36.

The Broker (boy) 35½, 1.11, 1.49, 2.15½, 3.00, 3.33; last qr., 33.

Black and White (Mr. Midwood) 31, 1.41; last qr., 33.

Orwell (Mr. Read) & Clutha (boy) 32, 1.7, 1.47½, 2.56½, 3.00, 3.33; last qr., 33.

Menji (Mr. C. R. Burkill) 404, 1.20, 1.57½, 2.31, 3.31; last qr., 32.

Ariel (boy) 39½, 1.18½, 1.58, 2.34½, 3.51; last qr., 34.

Invader (Mr. Ring) 30, 1.10½, 1.50, 2.38½, 3.00, 4.00, 4.38½, 1.41; last qr., 36.

Zolus (Mr. Ring) 40, 1.18½, 1.59½, 2.38, 3.14, 3.50; last qr., 36.

Destroyer (Mr. Machado) Orinoco (boy) 37½, 1.16, 1.54, 2.37, 3.00; last qr., 33.

Pride (Mr. Jerom) Black Slipper (Mr. Reany) 39½, 1.14½, 1.54, 2.32½, 3.0, 3.39½; last qr., 33.

Dividend (Mr. Midwood) 37½, 1.12, 1.47, 2.23, 2.57, 3.3½; last qr., 35½.

Mayberry (boy) 35, 1.11, 1.48, 2.59, 3.13, 3.57; last qr., 34.

Blackberry (Mr. C. R. Burkill) 39, 1.18, 1.57, 2.25½, 3.48½.

Black Eagle (boy) 2.30, 4.49.

Vaguer (boy) 3½; last qr., 35½.

Aquidaban (Mr. Ring) 37, 1.48½, 2.40½; last qr., 33.

Ambriclie (boy) 29½, 1.02, 1.36½; last qr., 36½.

Dawn (Mr. Bell) 37, 1.15, 1.54, 2.28, 3.02, 3.35½; last qr., 33.

On a muddy course and in rain the following times were done:—

Pineapple (boy) 414, 1.17½, 1.53, 2.28; last qr., 35.

Mayberry & Comet 35, 1.51, 1.42, 2.17; last qr., 35.

Suspense (Mr. Midwood) 35½, 1.72, 1.40; last qr., 35.

Vaguer (Mr. Read) 39, 1.51, 1.52, 2.30, 3.10, 3.46, 4.11, last qr., 35.

The Broker (Mr. Reany) 36, 1.18, 1.41, 2.17, last qr., 36.

Black and White (boy) 1 mile in 2.21½; last qr., 35.

White Rose (Mr. Jerom) 1 mile in 2.18½; last qr., 35.

Blackberry (Mr. C. R. Burkill) Roseberry (boy) 404, 1.16, 1.55, 2.30, 3.41, 3.38½; last qr., 34.

Aquidaban (Mr. Ring) 33½, 1.7, 1.42, 2.16½; last qr., 34.

Clutha (boy) 39, 1.11, 1.43, 2.16, last qr., 32.

Brassy (boy) Spartan (Mr. Midwood) 34½, 1.51, 1.44, 2.16½, 2.55; last qr., 36½.

Rockhall (boy) 414, 1.16, 1.54, 2.33, 3.10, 3.44; last qr., 34.

Ariel (Mr. C. R. Burkill) 38, 1.12, 1.46, 2.19; last qr., 33.

Rainier (Mr. Dallas) 1.17, 1.38½, 2.38, 3.15, 3.51½; last qr., 34.

White Rose (boy) 32½, 1.61, 1.41, 2.16, 2.50½, 3.24; last qr., 36.

The Broker (boy) 35½, 1.11, 1.49, 2.15½, 3.00, 3.33; last qr., 33.

Black and White (Mr. Midwood) 31, 1.41; last qr., 33.

Orwell (Mr. Read) & Clutha (boy) 32, 1.7, 1.47½, 2.56½, 3.00, 3.33; last qr., 33.

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NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer *Perry*, Capt. D. E. Fiele, from San Francisco, via Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, with mails up to 23rd March, arrived in port today. From our San Francisco exchanges we take the following telegrams:—

GERMANY AND THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, March 14th.

The *Daily Mail* Cape Town correspondent states that Germany has recently landed large shipments of munitions of war at Walvis Bay, a circumstance which causes suspicion. The Transvaal is also arming steadily, the shipment of ammunition, guns and military supplies from France alone amounting to 300 tons monthly. All are being placed at important strategic points.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

ATHENS, March 19th.

Germany and Russia are popularly considered to be the worst enemies Greece has in the concert of Europe, and if the reports that are in circulation are true there can be no doubt that Russia's animosity is but a veil to cover her always present desire to obtain part of the Turkish territory, despite her declaration in support of the integrity of the Ottoman empire. What Germany's real object is has not transpired, but it is supposed that she is inspired by a desire to stand well with Russia in the hope of breaking the Franco-Russian alliance. It is stated that there is a secret Russo-Turkish treaty in existence providing that in return for the support Russia is now giving Turkey the ports of Sofia and Iskenderan will be ceded to her. Of course, it is impossible to tell what there is in the rumours that are being circulated, and they are only given to show in what light Russia is regarded by the Greek people.

It is rumoured that Russia is urging Turkey to attack Greece, offering official assistance to the Porte if this be done. Russia believes that the first battle would result in a defeat of the Greek troops, and she would then call off the Turks and propose terms that Greece would be bound to accept.

A new feature to the situation has developed which threatens to result in serious complications, and much interest is manifested here as to how the powers will view the matter. The Turks are engaged in constructing fortifications. This work is in direct violation of the treaty of Berlin. The Government has made protests to the powers against this action on the part of Turkey. Great indignation is felt here that the powers should stand idly by and see Turkey violate the Berlin treaty, but the impression grows that to gain their own ends the Christian countries of Europe will submit to anything in support of the Turks.

A LOSS TO THE CUBANS.

NEW YORK, March 19th.

The Cuban cause met with a loss by the sinking of the French steamer *St. Nazaire*, Nicholas A. Savonell, one of the passengers, a colonel in the Cuban army. He was an agent sent by General Calixto Garcia from Cuba with a letter to General Palma of the Cuban junta in New York, asking for artillery and dynamite. The colonel had escaped from Cuba by crossing to Jamaica in a small Indian canoe, making the trip in two days. He then made his way to New York, and was to have returned with the *St. Nazaire*, travelling as a dry-goods merchant bound for Havre.

NEW GOVERNOR OF THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The *Standard* publishes a dispatch from Madrid which says that General Polavieja, who succeeded General Blanco in command of the Philippine Islands, has again tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. Marshal Prisma de Rivera, who is in command of the department of Madrid, has been appointed to succeed him.

THE U.S. CONSULATES IN SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG.

There is a rumour to-night that California will be given one first-class Consulate and that it will go to Mr. H. de Young. No foundation for the report can be found, and it is probably of the same variety of many other unauthorized rumours now so prevalent here. The report connects his name with Berlin, Rome, St. Petersburg, Brussels and Bern.

Prior to the visit to President McKinley, Senator Perkins and Barham called on Secretary of State Sherman and proposed the names of three men for Consulateships—Rogers, Ellis and Allen. Sherman intimated that he believed the Pacific Coast was entitled to Hongkong and Shanghai, and gave every reason for the belief that the men recommended would get the places. The Circuit Judgeship was mentioned, but all those applicants from adjoining States who have asked to be heard have not filed papers, so the matter is in abeyance.

THE JAMISON RAID.

NEW YORK, March 22nd.

Dr. Jamison has given evidence before the High Commission sitting at Westminster as a Committee of Inquiry into South African affairs. He told the story of his movements and sought to justify his actions by pointing out the critical condition of the Transvaal in the Transvaal raid. Dr. Jamison was examined by Cecil Rhodes from the responsibility of having ordered the final move of the troops across the border, saying he had managed the step on his own account. He said:—"In 1895 I revisited Johannesburg and found the people determined to bring matters to an issue. The first proposal was to act alone, and my troops were to be in readiness on the border in case they were required. Later the leaders concluded that the safest way would be to have a sufficient force at Johannesburg to induce President Kruger to take a plebiscite of the whole population to decide who was to be president. They therefore invited my help, and it was arranged to take my force to Johannesburg to maintain order and bring pressure to bear upon the Transvaal while the redress of the grievances was enforced by them. Therefore I obtained the letter signed by the leaders, with which the committee is familiar, and it was agreed that simultaneously with the rising in Johannesburg, at the end of December, I was to start." Dr. Jamison, it appears, afterwards told Mr. Rhodes of his arrangements, and the latter agreed to them. The leaders at Johannesburg never intimated any intention of abandoning their determination to appeal to arms. The statement concluded:—"No communication whatever was received from Mr. Rhodes or from any one at Cape Town during or subsequent to the raid. The committee was excited. Mr. Cecil Rhodes did not bring me a message from Mr. Rhodes." The committee put a few questions to Dr. Jamison. Replying to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Dr. Jamison said:—"I know I did not do the right thing, because I did not succeed. If I had succeeded I know I would have been forgiven."

PUGILISTICA.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 19th.

Edward Gibbons and Jack Perry, amateurs, sparred to-night at the Banner Club. Perry tied the Fitzsimmons blow and landed over Gibbons' heart. The latter collapsed and died in half an hour.

CARSON, Nev., March 19th.

Fitzsimmons, accompanied by his wife and child, Stelzer, and Hickey, left on the 6.30 o'clock evening train for San Francisco, where he will give a boxing exhibition tomorrow night with his sparring partners, Hickey and Stelzer. He was driven in at about 6 o'clock and walked up to the train, followed by a crowd of admirers and curiosity-seekers, all anxious to get a last look at the man who wrested the championship from Corbett. When asked if it was true that he intended to retire from the ring permanently he said:—"Yes; I promised my wife before the battle that it would be my last fight, and intended to abide by that promise. Henceforth all statements signed by me shall read: "Robert Fitzsimmons, retired heavy-weight and middle-weight champion of the world."

THE SHIPPING TRADE.

The following report on the shipping-trade is taken from the carefully compiled and thoroughly reliable *Steamship Circular* issued by Messrs. H. E. Moss and Co., dated Liverpool, the 6th of March:—

Since we issued our last *Circular*, the shipping-trade has been favoured with a "boom," but perhaps the shortest one on record. Owing to the rise in the value of wheat, etc., in August and September last, freights from the Black Sea and America rose rapidly, and there was the usual rush to buy or build new tonnage; the few steamers that were building for the builders' own account were sold, and a very large number of contracts for new boats were placed. The improvement was only too short-lived, and homeward freights are about back to where they were in July last, the net result being that about 250,000 tons extra of new steamers were ordered during the rush, which tonnage has still to come out and to be employed. The builders of course have benefited by getting these orders, and most of the yards are at present very busy, but the majority of the new steamers were placed at low figures, and prices for building were not affected to a larger extent than 7½ to 10 per cent. A large number of the steamers at present on the stocks are large high-class cargo boats for the regular lines and companies; one foreign company alone has building at the present time vessels of this class, the total cost of which will exceed £1,000,000 sterling. The competition of this type of vessels is a serious matter for the owners of "tramp" steamers. The output of merchant tonnage launched during 1896 was 7,159,751 tons, being 208,000 tons more than during 1895. About one-third of the total output was built to the order of foreign and colonial shipowners. The total amount of merchant tonnage under construction on 1st January, 1897, in the United Kingdom was 784,711 tons, being an increase of 73,000 tons as compared with 1st January, 1897. The largest proportion of foreign tonnage at present on the stocks is for German and Japanese owners. The Norwegians continue to be our best customers for cheap second-hand vessels, and a good many obsolete vessels have been sold to Italians for breaking-up purposes, besides those bought by the English ship-breakers. The value of sailing-ships, however, owing, no doubt, to this class of property having been for a long time very unremunerative. The quantity of sailing tonnage launched during 1896 was considerably less than during 1895, and the total sailing tonnage of the world was reduced during 1896 by 264,000 tons.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship Sir J. W. Carrington, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice.)

April 23rd.

UTTERING A FORGERY.

Li Pang and Wo Chuk Sam were charged with having uttered a forged writing purporting to be a letter. Mr. E. Robinson conducted the prosecution and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. W. K. Mouney), appeared for the defence. Both the accused pleaded not guilty.

The examination of Young Sit Gam was continued to-day and at its close witness was cross-examined by Mr. Francis at some length. Young Sit Gam, the elder brother of complainant, also gave evidence regarding the management of the estate and his brother's connection therewith. He was severely cross-examined by Mr. Francis as to his ability to say whether the letter mentioned in the case was a forgery or not. Two documents were handed to witness and he testified that the writing in each was identical, notwithstanding that in one of them the character *Ming* was formed with the radical *Kam*. Witness also stated that he had never heard anything about commission and that as he was the elder brother, the matter should have been submitted to him.

Young Ming San, the prosecutor, was the next witness and, examined by Mr. Robinson, he gave evidence regarding a number of documents submitted to him. In several instances he said the writers were not his, and at the date they were written he was in mourning. The letter was not sent as a mortgage would write, having pink covers and coloured envelopes. In other exhibits witness identified his own signature and handwriting.

In cross-examination by Mr. Francis witness said he only knew enough of the Chinese characters to carry on business. At the first witness got \$11 or \$12 and lodging for collecting the Young family's rents. The shop paid for any extra help and the accountant, Young Wan Leung (his son), kept the books. His son had been so engaged for four or five years. A previous account got \$14 or \$15 per month. Witness was then getting much more. Witness's son got \$5 per month, and witness was then receiving about \$1,000 per year, and drew the money from time to time. Witness left the employ in 1893 because he was ill and saw that his cousin was growing up. He owed the Young family over \$6,000 when he resigned; it was money lent and overdrafts from year to year. He had not paid the money yet, although asked for it. In the account book produced there were records of the payment of his salary. When he resigned he had no idea that he should have acted entirely on my own judgment. Major Rhodes did not bring me a message from Mr. Rhodes." The committee put a few questions to Dr. Jamison. Replying to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Dr. Jamison said:—"I know I did not do the right thing, because I did not succeed. If I had succeeded I know I would have been forgiven."

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The closing cruise of the above club takes place on Sunday next, when the Commodore will leave the moorings at noon followed by the fleet. A ladies' race takes place at 3 p.m. and the *Victoria*, kindly lent by His Excellency the Governor, will be available for members and lady friends, tea and light refreshments being provided.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

APRIL.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 29.88
Thermometer 71
Humidity 69
Rainfall 74

TO-DAY.

Friday, 23rd April, 1897. (St. George's Day.)
Chinese—22nd of 3rd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-ti.
Jewish—21st Nisan, 5657.
Mohammedan—21st Dulkadda, 1314.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 35min.
Sun—Sets 6hr. 21min.
High water—Afternoon 6hr. 58min.
Low water—Afternoon 5hr. 58min.
No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1676—Shakespeare died.
1845—Happy Valley drained.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 24th April, 1897.
Chinese—23rd of 3rd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-ti.
Jewish—22nd Nisan, 5657.
Mohammedan—22nd Dulkadda, 1314.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 34min.
Sun—Sets 6hr. 21min.
High water—Afternoon 6hr. 57min.
Low water—Afternoon 5hr. 57min.
No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1694—Bank of England founded.
1870—Revolt on board the coal-steamer *Tasmania*, captained by the cooless:—
1895—The Matabele defeated at Bulawayo.

MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW—24th April.
French, Australian, and Indian mails due.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of household furniture, &c., at Mr. R. Martin's residence, Mountain View, No. 4, the Peak, by Mr. P. Brawitt.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

India and Straits (*Sutong*) to-morrow.
French (*Yarra*) to-morrow.
Australian (*Chang*) to-morrow.
American (*Coptic*) 30th inst.
English (*Reitia*) 1st prox.
Australian (*Alto*) 1st prox.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 9th prox.
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 10th prox.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 12th prox.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 14th prox.
Australian (*Tokio Maru*) 21st prox.

THE silk steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived in New York on the 21st inst.

THE Imperial German Mail liner *Bay*

Auctions.**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
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ROBES with and without GLASS, MUSIC
STANDS, JAPANESE LAQUERED PLAC-
QUES, CHERRY LAQUER FRAMES,
BEDSTEADS, WRITING DESKS, CHAIRS,
TABLES, GLASS-WARE, CROCKERY, CUT-
LERY, PLATED-WARE, EXQUISITE
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On View from WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst.
Catalogues at the Undersigned's.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery, as
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PAUL BREWITT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1897. [639]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
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ON
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& FITTINGS, MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND,
DRESSING TABLE and MIRROR, WARD-
ROBE with GLASS DOOR, &c., &c., &c.
ONE LADY'S CARRYING CHAIR in RED
PLUSH.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.
On View on SATURDAY, the 14th April P.M.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1897. [634]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY order of the OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR
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Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [647]

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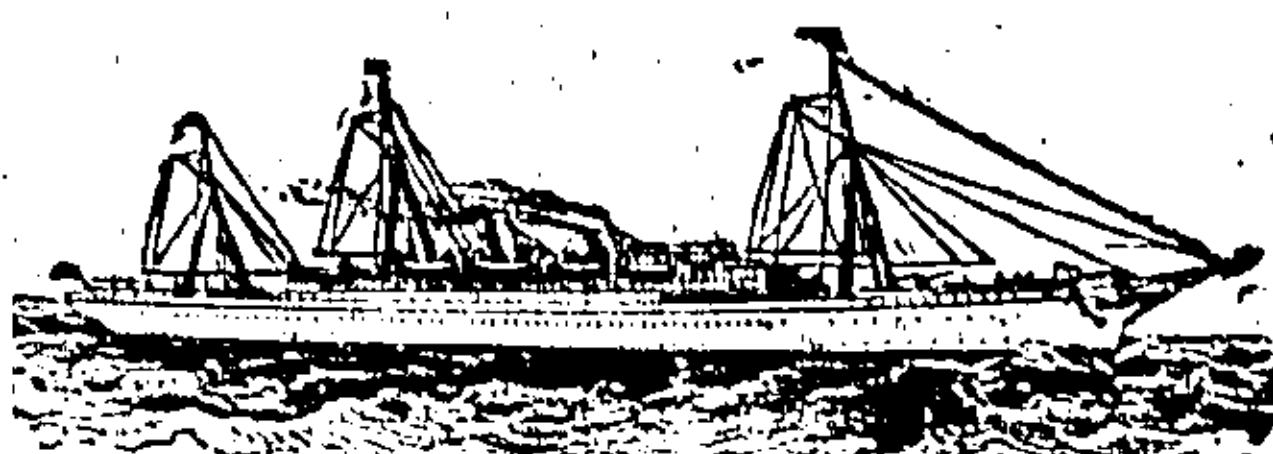
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